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November Eighteenth

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The Regular Meeting of City Council was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: Ruby B. Archie (arrived at 7:05 P.M.), P. A. "Pete" Castiglione, Jr., Mayor John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley, Jr., Sherman M. Saunders, H. Phillip Smith, and Vice-Mayor R. Wayne Williams, Jr. (8). E. Stokes Daniels, Jr. was absent (1).

Administrative Staff Members present were City Manager Jerry L. Gwaltney, Deputy City Manager M. Lyle Lacy, III, City Attorney Timothy R. Spencer, Assistant City Manager for Utilities Joseph C. King, Legislative and Public Affairs Director Todd M. Yeatts, and Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk Aubrey D. Dodson.

Other Staff Members present were Police Chief Philip Broadfoot, Economic Development Director Ron Bunch, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director John Gilstrap, and Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer Kent Shelton.

Mayor Hamlin presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Luther offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Hamlin recognized Dr. Sue Davis, Deputy Superintendent for Instruction for Danville City Schools. Dr. Davis gave an exciting report on the accreditation of nine (9) City Schools. She said that two years ago, no City schools were accredited. Last year, there were two fully accredited schools. She reported it had been a great challenge and a struggle to accomplish the accreditation, but it proves that the students in Danville City Schools can and are willing to learn. The nine schools achieving full accreditation are: Woodrow Wilson Magnet School, Forest Hills Elementary School, I. W. Taylor Magnet School, Park Avenue Elementary School, Schoolfield Elementary School, W. Townes Lea Elementary School, O. T. Bonner Middle School, Gibson Magnet School, and Galileo Magnet High School. Dr. Davis introduced Wilson Magnet School representative Bobbi Hutson, Forest Hills School Principal Andrew Tyrrell, Taylor School Principal Joyce Tucker, Schoolfield School Principal Suzanne Jones, Gibson School representative Steven Mayhew, and Galileo Magnet School Principal Bill Lawrence. School Superintendent Dr. Bill Torok was also in attendance. Dr. Davis said there were presently four City schools that were provisionally accredited. It is projected that these schools will be fully accredited this time next year.

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Mayor Hamlin congratulated everyone involved for the excellent report presented by Dr. Davis.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Vice-Mayor Williams and second by Council Member Smith, Minutes of the November 6, 2003 Regular Council Meeting and the Special Work Session held on November 6, 2003 were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

ACCEPT LAND FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY - VANDOLA ROAD

Vice-Mayor Williams moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-11.03

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING DEEDS OF DEDICATION CONVEYING TO THE CITY LAND FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ON VANDOLA ROAD.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Luther and adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8).
NAY: None (0).
ABSENT: Daniels (1).

BUDGET AMENDMENT-FY 2003-04-LONG MILL CONNECTOR TRAIL

Upon Motion by Council Member Smith and second by Council Member Archie, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-11.04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING ANTICIPATED REVENUES TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LONG MILL CONNECTOR TRAIL FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000

was presented by its First Reading, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

At the request of Council Member Saunders, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director John Gilstrap briefed Council on the connector trail project. Mr. Gilstrap said the

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eventual plan is to carry the trail to the Robertson Bridge. Presently, the trail runs to Angler's Park, which is beyond Dan Daniel Park. The proposed trail will be extended from King Memorial Bridge to Union Street Bridge. There will be additional parking for access at Union Street. The Long Mill Project will have parking on each end for access. There will be four accesses from the Long Mill property to the trail. The trail will not be paved until construction of King Memorial Bridge is completed. Because of height limitations under King Memorial Bridge, that portion of the trail will be restricted to pedestrian traffic only. When the new addition is complete, the trail will be approximately 4.2 miles long.

BUDGET AMENDMENT-FY 2003-04-BALLOU PARK PLAYGROUND

Upon Motion by Council Member Castiglione and second by Council Member Rawley, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-11.05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING ANTICIPATED REVENUES FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF BALLOU PARK PLAYGROUND

was presented by its First Reading, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

Dr. Williams pointed out that the private donation is from the Rotary Club of Danville. The \$10,000 will be used for development of walkways in the park and will include accessible play units for the handicapped.

ISSUE BONDS-GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF DANVILLE AREA, INC.

Vice-Mayor Williams moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-11.01

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCING AND REFINANCING OF THE GOODWILL INDUSTRIES SOUTH HILL PROJECT AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF DANVILLE AREA, INC.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Hamlin, Luther, Rawley, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8).
NAY: None (0).
ABSENT: Daniels (1).

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BUDGET AMENDMENT-FY 2003-04-LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

Upon Motion by Council Member Castiglione and second by Council Member Smith, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-11.06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUE TO ANTICIPATE THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE AND APPROPRIATING SAME

was presented by its First Reading, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

In response to Vice-Mayor Williams, Chief Broadfoot advised that some of the funds from the grant will be used to purchase portable radios so that each officer would have a radio available at all times while on the street. Chief Broadfoot said this is a yearly grant that can be used at the discretion of the police department.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications from the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorney or Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Hamlin and Council Member Luther expressed pride at the accomplishments of the school system and look forward to next year for the report on accreditation.

Council Member Rawley thanked the Police Department for the excellent fish fry held last weekend.

Council Member Saunders expressed pride in the parents, students, and faculty in the Danville City School System. He said to keep up the good work.

Council Member Smith asked for a report on maintenance in the City's cemeteries. He said he had several phone calls from citizens about the matter. City Manager Gwaltney advised a new program of maintenance had been put into place and is working well. He commended Public Works personnel for doing a great job in the implementation of the program. Council Member Rawley said he had observed several cemeteries during last past couple of weeks and said the crews were doing a great job.

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Vice-Mayor Williams complimented City School administration, faculty and staff for great strides made in achieving accreditation in City Schools. Dr. Williams commended Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff for the orderly manner in which the Lynrd Skynrd concert was presented this past Saturday evening at the Carrington Pavilion. He said he heard many compliments on the Pavilion and Danville's ability to bring in talent of the caliber of Lynrd Skynrd.

City Manager Gwaltney called on Economic Development Director Ron Bunch for a report on the economic development activities of EsselPropack. Mr. Bunch advised that a little over a couple of years ago, it was announced that EsselPropack, the world's largest manufacturer of toothpaste tubes, would make a \$21,000,000 investment and locate their first U. S. plant in Danville. The company provided 80 jobs for citizens in the community. The company recently announced it would invest another \$50,000,000 and provide an additional 50 jobs that pay above-averages for the region. The announcement has drawn a lot of media attention. Danville, along with EsselPropack, was featured in *Forbes Global* and *CEO Magazine*. At a press conference in New York City, officials were very complimentary of the support received from City Council and the community and how quickly the project got started. Mr. Bunch said this project is one that he was very proud of thanked Council for their support.

Vice-Mayor Williams felt it should be emphasized that one reason the company located here was the quality of workers they found in Danville. The jobs offered by EsselPropack require certain skills not found in all areas.

Mayor Hamlin requested City Manager Gwaltney thank Department Heads for the excellent newsletters that are being published.

CLOSED MEETING

At 7:35 P.M. Mayor Hamlin recognized Vice-Mayor Williams who moved that the meeting be recessed and that Council immediately convene in Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussion, consideration or interview of prospective candidates for appointment as permitted by Subsection (A) (1) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and more specifically to consider appointments to Airport Commission, Building Code Board of Appeals, Danville Tourism Board, Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees, Fair Housing Board, Planning Commission, and Southern Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and discussion concerning a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made as permitted by Subsection (A) (5) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, as more specifically to consider the status of several economic development projects, and, consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation and/or consultation with legal counsel employed by the City regarding specific legal matters requiring legal advice and the discussion of strategy of negotiation of a potential agreement involving the City as permitted by Subsection (A) (7) and (13) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and more specifically to

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consider pending litigation involving two recent rezoning cases and probable litigation involving the Police Department.

The Motion failed for lack of a second.

Council Member Luther inquired if consideration of appointments were to be held in Closed Meeting. He recalled that on the last two occasions when Council reviewed appointments, consideration was held in open meeting.

Mayor Hamlin said consideration of appointments would be held in open session and asked that the Motion for Closed Meeting be made at the Work Session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

MAYOR

CLERK